



GCSE

3120UE0-1

MONDAY, 15 MAY 2023 – MORNING

RELIGIOUS STUDIES – Unit 1

PART A – Core Beliefs, Teachings and Practices

– Christianity

– Buddhism

PART B – Religious Responses to Philosophical Themes

– Theme 1: Life and Death

– Theme 2: Good and Evil

2 hours plus your additional time allowance

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First name(s) _____

Centre Number _____

Candidate Number 0 _____

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Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
PART A	1.	30
	SPaG	6
	2.	30
PART B	3.	30
	4.	30
	Total	126

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the front cover.

Answer ALL questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet, taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

Your ability to spell, punctuate and use accurate grammar is assessed in question 1(d).

You are expected to use specialist terminology accurately and make reference to sources of religious wisdom and authority (including religious texts), where relevant.

(Turn over)

Answer ALL questions.

PART A – CORE BELIEFS, TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES

CHRISTIANITY

1 (a) What do Christians mean by ‘Divine Command’? [2 marks]

(Turn over)

1 (b) Describe how Christians have been persecuted in the modern world. [5 marks]

(Turn over)

1 (c) Explain Christian beliefs about God. [8 marks]

1 (d) 'Forgiveness is the most important teaching in Christianity.'

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]

Marks for spelling, punctuation and the accurate use of grammar are allocated to this question.

[6 marks]

(Turn over)

2 (b) Describe ways in which Buddhists practise samatha meditation. [5 marks]

(Turn over)

2 (c) Explain why the Four Sights were important in the Buddha's life. [8 marks]

2 (d) ‘Kathina is the most important festival for Buddhists.’

**Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]**

(Turn over)

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**PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO
PHILOSOPHICAL THEMES**

THEME 1: LIFE AND DEATH

3 (a) What is meant by ‘sanctity of life’? [2 marks]

(Turn over)

3 (c) Explain from Christianity AND Buddhism teachings about the value of human life. [8 marks]

(Turn over)

(Turn over)

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**PART B – RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO
PHILOSOPHICAL THEMES**

THEME 2: GOOD AND EVIL

4 (a) What is meant by ‘free will’? [2 marks]

(Turn over)

4 (b) Describe the work of prison reformers. [5 marks]

(Turn over)

4 (c) Explain Christian AND Buddhist attitudes to forgiveness. [8 marks]

(Turn over)

4 (d) 'The death penalty is never right.'

**Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view.
(You must refer to religion and belief in your answer.) [15 marks]**

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